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1. MISSION ALSO HAS RECEIVED CIRCULAR NOTE FROM LIBYAN MISSION ANNOUNCING LIBYA'S CANDIDACY. LIBYA, LIKE OTHER STATES OF THE MAHGREB BELONGS TO AFRICAN REGIONAL GROUP AND WOULD BE RUNNING FOR BOARD SEAT BEING VACATED THIS YEAR BY EITHER GABON OR SUDAN. MISSION IS ATTEMPTING OBTAIN FROM LOCAL SOURCES AN ASSESSMENT OF LIBYA'S CHANCES FOR SUCCESS.

2. OUR TENTATIVE APPRAISAL IS THAT LIBYA WILL HAVE TO DO SOME VERY ENERGETIC LOBBYING TO WIN NECESSARY
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CONSENSUS SUPPORT. MISSION HAS REASON TO BELIEVE EGYPT

IS ALSO KEENLY INTERESTED IN A BOARD SEAT THIS YEAR. MOREOVER, AFRICAN STATES SOUTH OF SAHARA USUALLY ACT AS A GROUP, CAUCUSING SEPARATELY AND NOT MAKING DECISIONS PUBLICLY KNOWN UNTIL WELL AFTER CONVENING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

3. OTHER STATES FROM WHICH MISSION HAS RECEIVED SIMILAR CIRCULAR NOTES ARE PAKISTAN AND MEXICO. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT COLOMBIA HAS APPROACHED SOME CAPITALS. PHILIPPINES AND CHIEF HAVE MADE THEIR CANDIDACIES KNOWN INFORMALLY. OF THESE CANDIDATES, PHILIPPINES AND PAKISTAN ARE MEMBERS OF PRESENT BOARD OCCUPYING SEATS WHICH MUST BE VACATED THIS YEAR. PAKISTAN HOPES TO REMAIN ON BOARD BY BEING ELECTED TO FLOATING SEAT BEING VACATED BY PHILIPPINES. PHILIPPINES IS SEEKING ELECTION TO SEAT BEING VACATED BY ROK.

4. ALREADY, LATIN AMERICAN AREA HAS PROBLEM, WITH THREE STATES (CHILE, MEXICO, COLOMBIA) RUNNING FOR TWO VACANCIES. THIS MAY BE WORKED OUT IN AREA CONSULTATIONS, BUT PROBLEM IS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT BY USUAL ROTATIONAL PATTERN IT IS TURN OF LA GROUP TO PROVIDE A CHAIRMAN FOR THE BOARD, A POSITION CARRYING WITH IT GREAT PRESTIGE. SHOULD BE NOTED THAT MEXICO'S REAL AIM IS TO CHALLENGE TRADITIONAL ROTATIONAL ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL AS "REGIONALLY MOST ADVANCED" MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

5. MISSION HAS BEEN INFORMED BY NETHERLANDS COUNSELLOR THAT YUGOSLAV EMBASSY, THE HAGUE, HAS ASKED FOR SUPPORT FOR ELECTION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO BOARD, AN INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE WHILE YUGOSLAVIA IS MEMBER OF EASTERN EUROPE REGIONAL GROUP, IT IS USUALLY EXCLUDED FROM THAT GROUP'S CAUCUS. MISSION WILL REPORT AS FURTHER INFO DEVELOPS. PORTER

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